

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

With the above amendments, claims 1-14 have been amended and claims 15-20 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments. Claims 1-14 have been amended to place them in a form for U.S. claims practice. Claims 15-20 have support in the claims and in the written description as filed.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is necessary, however, should a fee be deemed to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this action or any future action to Deposit Account No. 16-1435.

Should the Examiner have any questions relating to the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7486 to discuss any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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